

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5969–S6048

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2673–2680, S.J. Res. 38, S. Res. 291, and S. Con. Res. 123.

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Measures Reported:

S. 2530, to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to establish police powers for certain Inspector General agents engaged in official duties and provide an oversight mechanism for the exercise of those powers. (S. Rept. No. 107–176)

S. 281, to authorize the design and construction of a temporary education center at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 107–177)

S. 1240, to provide for the acquisition of land and construction of an interagency administrative and visitor facility at the entrance to American Fork Canyon, Utah, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 107–178)

S. 2673, to improve quality and transparency in financial reporting and independent audits and accounting services for public companies, to create a Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, to enhance the standard setting process for accounting practices, to strengthen the independence of firms that audit public companies, to increase corporate responsibility and the usefulness of corporate financial disclosure, to protect the objectivity and independence of securities analysts, to improve Securities and Exchange Commission resources and oversight.

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Measures Passed:

Mass Transportation Safety: Senate passed S. 2621, to provide a definition of vehicle for purposes of criminal penalties relating to terrorist attacks and other acts of violence against mass transportation systems.

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Authorizing Legal Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 291, to authorize testimony, document production, and legal representation in *United States v. Milton Thomas Black*.

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National Defense Authorization Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 2514, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2003 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Rejected:

Kennedy Amendment No. 3918, to provide for equal competition in contracting. (By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 162), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a cloture vote will occur on Thursday, June 27, 2002.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, June 26, 2002.

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Appointments:

Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel: The Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, after consultation with the Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Finance, pursuant to Public Law 106–170, announced the appointment of the following individuals to serve as members of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel: Vincent Randazzo of Virginia, vice Stephanie Lee Smith, resigned, and Katie Beckett of Iowa, for a term of four years.

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Messages from the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a Report on Bosnia and U.S. Forces in NATO-Lead Stabilization Force (SFOR) for the period March 2001 to December 2001; to the Committee on Armed Services. (PM–98)

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Transmitting, pursuant to law, the Periodic Report on the National Emergency Caused by the Lapse of the Export Administration Act of 1979 for

August 19, 2001 to February 19, 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-99) **Page S6011**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the Second Protocol to the Agreement Between the United States of America and the Kingdom of the Netherlands on Social Security; to the Committee on Finance. (PM-100) **Page S6011**

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the Periodic Report on the National Emergency With Respect to the 1979 Iranian Emergency and Assets Blocking for the period October 1, 2001 through March 31, 2002; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-101) **Page S6011**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

David L. Lyon, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Fiji, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Nauru, Ambassador to the Kingdom of Tonga, and Ambassador to Tuvalu.

Nancy J. Powell, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

Michelle Guillermin, of Maryland, to be Chief Financial Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service.

Richard H. Carmona, of Arizona, to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, subject to qualifications therefore as provided by law and regulations, and to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service for a term of four years. **Page S6048**

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Measures Referred: **Page S6011**

Measures Placed on Calendar:
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Authority for Committees to Meet: **Page S6046**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—162) **Page S5985**

Adjournment: Senate met at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 6:58 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, June 26, 2002. (For Senate's program, see the

remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6048).

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Phyllis K. Fong, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Department of Agriculture, Walter Lukken, of Indiana, and Sharon Brown-Hruska, of Virginia, each to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, and Douglas L. Flory, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Flory was introduced by Senator Allen.

NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the National Transportation Safety Board, after receiving testimony from Marion C. Blakey, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board.

OFFICE OF OMBUDSMAN (EPA)

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded oversight hearings to examine the Environmental Protection Agency Inspector General's actions with respect to the Ombudsman, and S. 606, to provide additional authority to the Office of Ombudsman of the Environmental Protection Agency, after receiving testimony from Senator Alard; Representative Nadler; Nikki L. Tinsley, Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency; David G. Wood, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, General Accounting Office; Robert J. Martin, Ashburn, Virginia, former National Ombudsman, Hazardous and Solid Waste, Environmental Protection Agency; Danielle Brian, Project on Government Oversight, Washington, D.C.; Kathy J. Zanetti, Shoshone Natural Resources Coalition, Wallace, Idaho; and Susan Shortz, Halt Environmental Lead Pollution, Throop, Pennsylvania.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of James Franklin Jeffrey, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Albania, Michael Klosson, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cyprus, James Irvin